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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 2829  
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SAIJO et al ) Examiner: S. GEYER  
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Appln. No.: 10/009,196 ) Washington, D.C.  
Nationalized: April 15, 2002 )  
 ) Confirmation No. 8572  
I.A. No.: PCT/JP00/03746 )  
I.A. Date: June 9, 2000 )  
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For: CLAD PLATE FOR FORMING... ) January 9, 2003

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants first request the PTO to correct  
applicant's "attorney docket" i.d. The correct attorney  
docket for this case is **SAIJO = 7**.

The present application is U.S. national phase  
PCT/JP00/03746 filed June 9, 2000, and applicants have claimed  
priority from their Japanese application 11/164454 filed June  
10, 1999. The PTO should have received a copy of applicants'  
Japanese priority application from the International Bureau.  
Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the PTO the  
acknowledge receipt of applicants' papers filed under §119.

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action  
mailed December 13, 2002, entirely in the nature of a  
restriction requirement. In response thereto, applicants  
hereby respectfully and provisionally elect Group I directed  
to a clad plate and presently comprising claims 1-4 and 8,

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without prejudice and without traverse. Thus, applicants accept the PTO ruling that the inventions are patentably distinct from one another, i.e. that each is patentable over the other.

Consequently, if the examiner finds the elected claims to be patentable, the examiner is hereby authorized to cancel the non-elected claims by Examiner's Amendment without of course any prejudice to the present invention or to applicants' rights, including those rights provided by §§121, 120 and 119, to proceed with a divisional application on the presently non-elected subject matter, without any penalty whatsoever.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits of the elected claims directed to the clad plate.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted  
 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 [ ] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
TOTAL	*	MINUS	** 20
INDEP.	*	MINUS	*** 3
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL \$

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$	x 18	\$
x 42	\$	x 84	\$
+ 140	\$	+ 280	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		TOTAL	

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
 \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time  
 If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[ ] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[ ] First - \$ 55.00  
 [ ] Second - \$ 205.00  
 [ ] Third - \$ 465.00  
 [ ] Fourth - \$ 725.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[ ] First - \$ 110.00  
 [ ] Second - \$ 410.00  
 [ ] Third - \$ 930.00  
 [ ] Fourth - \$ 1450.00

Month After Time Period Set

[ ] Less fees (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) already paid for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached (check no. \_\_\_\_\_).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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